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attempted at the same time. Accordingly, by allowing the time used to transfer the data packets 610 and 620 to be slightly different, the response time for acknowledgements can be adjusted without requiring a delay to be provided to the receiving devices. A coding rate associated with the data channels may also be modified to change the times used to transmit data packets 610 and 620. Alternatively, a number of carriers associated with the first channel can be reduced, as discussed in patent application 09/999,953, entitled "SYSTEM FOR ALLOCATING DATA IN A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF" and filed on October 31, 2001, herein incorporated by reference.

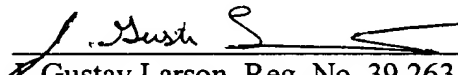
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

If, for any reason, the Office is unable to allow the Application on the next Office Action, and believes a telephone interview would be helpful, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

Furthermore, the number of bits per symbol assigned to the first data packet 610 or the second data packet 620 can be altered to allow the time used to transfer the data packets 610 and 620 to be slightly different, ensuring acknowledgements associated with the data packets 610 and 620 are not attempted at the same time. Accordingly, by allowing the time used to transfer the data packets 610 and 620 to be slightly different, the response time for acknowledgements can be adjusted without requiring a delay to be provided to the receiving devices. A coding rate associated with the data channels may also be modified to change the times used to transmit data packets 610 and 620. Alternatively, a number of carriers associated with the first channel can be reduced, as discussed in patent application [XX.XXXXXX]09/999,953, entitled "SYSTEM FOR ALLOCATING DATA IN A [COMMUNICAITONS]COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD THEREOF" and filed on October 31, 2001, herein incorporated by reference.